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LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

Sept. 30, 1878 - Mar. 3, 1879

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U.S. MINT

LETTER BOOK

No 27

From Feb. 11th 1879

To March 3rd 1879.

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Albany 11th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 7167 favor Handy & Crowe for $28.057 84 in payment for Elm Bucein.

Very Respectfully
Jas Buel
Supt.

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York.

Feby 11th 7

Handy & Crowley

New York

29th ult. 7

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Jas. Allen

Feby 12 9

Sir:

The coins mentioned in your letter of 10th inst, will be received for exchange, subject to the rules of the enclosed circular, but full value will not be allowed for those which are punched or clipped.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. A. L. Knauff.
107 Ashbourne St
Cleveland
Ohio

Feby 12 9

Mrs. M. Madden,
New York.

In reply to your enquiry of the 11th inst. I have to say, that for information in regard to the value of certain coins of various dates, you should apply to coin dealers and collectors, Edward Cogan, No. 408 State St. Brooklyn N.Y. is a dealer from whom you can obtain the desired information.

Very Respectfully
Jas Polock
Supt.

Feby 12 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 80 7/4 cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
W. L. Dallmeyer, Esq
Jefferson City,
Mo

Feby 12 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85½ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

A Mexican dollar weighs 416½ grains, 900 fine, a U. S. Standard silver dollar 412½ grains, 900 fine; the latter being a legal tender is worth one dollar in the ~~market~~ United States.

the former not being a legal tender is only worth the amount of fine silver it contains, as bullion.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
J. M. Hass.
Jonesboro
Tenn

Feby 12 9

Sir.

The $2 U. S. note enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst, is herewith returned, as we have no "gold" dollars for sale or distribution. A very few were struck, and sent to Washington, by order of the Committee on Coinage.

Yours Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Geo. Murray, Guion.
Seneca Falls.
N. Y.

Feby 12 9

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Silver Purchased at this Mint for week ending Feby 8th 1879. Also Silver Parted from Gold.

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Nicols

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 12 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 195, $2,016.00 the coin value of Gold bullion from the U. S. Mint at Denver, on account of the United States.

Very Respectfully
Jas Polk
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 12 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 190. $2,906.86 the coin value of Gold Bullion packages, No. 26 to 27 inclusive, specified in your letter and schedule of 8 February, inst.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pearce

Supt.

F. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Mint of the U.S.
Denver, Col.

Feby 12th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 1168 to your Order for Thirteen thousand one hundred & twenty 44/ (13.120 44) Std. Silver Dollars in payment for Silver Bullion sold the Actg Director of the Mint @ 1.0270 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs Hancy & Comite
Cashr of Bank of New York
New York

Feby 12th 9

Gentlemen

I have drawn this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 7168 to your Order, for $13.120.00 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs Handy & Crouch
24 Nassau St.
New York

Feby 12th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7168 to the order of Handy & Crouse for $13120.41 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jos Lowell
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
New York

Feby 18 9

Sir

Your postal card of the 10th inst. has been received.

I send you by mail a Directors Report for 1878, which contains tables of coinage executed from the organization of the Mint to the close of fiscal year ending June 30th 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
R. P. Lawyers, Esq.
St Louis
Mo

I enclose price list of medals & proof sets, we have no other.

Feby 13 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Trade dollar is worth about 80¾ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 received. Mexican dollars, and other foreign silver coins, are bought on the same terms.

Very Respectfully

Messrs Pabody & Whitaker.
Minneapolis, Minn.

July 18 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, and other foreign silver coins, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 80 1/4 cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 received.

Very Respectfully

Jno Preston

Supt

Mr.

Geo. W. Ross. Treas.

Knoxville

Tenn.

Feby 18 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

After melting and assay, the Mint will pay 109 cents per ounce for the fine silver that may be contained in your defaced silver coins. Payment to be made in standard silver dollars only. The freight both ways, to be paid by you.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Brown
Supt

Messrs.
P. Houck & Co
Buffalo
N. Y.

Feby 13 9

Sir.

The package of blanks specified in your letter of the 11th inst. for Daily Statements of Coinage at this Mint, has been received.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 13th 9

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 7169 to your order for Fourteen Thousand (14.000) Std. Silver Dollars, for ofc. Silver Bullion sold the A S.U. @ 1.0275 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Guest

Supt.

Messrs Handy & Cromie
Cas of
Bank of New York.

Feby 13th 9

Gentlemen.

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York, Check No. 7169 to your order for $14.000. Sagt. for ofe. Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas Polock
Supt

Messrs Handy & Crosby
24 Nassau St.
New York

Feby 13th 9

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 7069 to the Order of Handy & Prowse for $14,000 — payment for Mex Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Ryal
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Story 14th 9

Jany 31st '69

Check No. 7142, Jany 21st ult. favor J. B. Colgate & Co. for $90.00. and of which you were duly advised, seems not to have been presented for payment, as it is not included in your statement

Jas. Powell
Supt.

Oshkosh 12th 7

Sir.

I forward this day per Express a box containing my Bullion Ofs. for the 4th quarter 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Act. Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Feby 14 9

Sir.

Referring to your letter (S.W.&B.) of the 7th inst. I herewith transmit C/D No. 1990 for $15.62 the bullion value of $18.62 in mutilated silver pieces specified in your letter of that date.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Guy
Chief

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer. U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 14 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, and other foreign silver coin, by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars only, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100. received.

Very Respectfully

Mess.
Dailey & Bro
San Marcos
Texas.

Geo. Pugh
Director

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing I learn informally that the Supt of the New Orleans Mint, is now buying Mexican dollars, but I do not know at what rate. You can ascertain by writing to him. The freight would be less to that point.

J. R.
Supt

Feby 14 9

Sir.

Yours of the 11th inst. is at hand.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, only at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine, At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor both ways. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

I cannot inform you what the market value is, or where the best place is to sell them, this information you ascertain by addressing Bullion Brokers.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pugh

Supt

Mr. J. C. Norfleet
Holly Springs
Miss.

P. S.

Since writing the foregoing I learn informally that the Supt of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La, is now buying Mexican dollars, but I do not know at what rate. You can ascertain by writing to him. The freight would be less to that point.

J. P.
Supt

Feby 14 9

Sir.

In reply to your postal card of the 10th inst, I have to inform you that the Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, & after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, only, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of express charges, which are paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Geo. Bowers

Supt

Mr.
Jas. C. Brock
Benton
Ark.

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing I learn informally, that the Supt of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. is now buying Mexican dollars, but at what price I do not know. You can ascertain by writing to him. The freight would be less to that point.

J. P.
Supt

Feby 14 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst, has been received.

I cannot furnish silver five cent pieces. Their coinage was stopped by Act of Congress on the 1st of April 1873, as you will see by the enclosed circular, and none have been made since that date. You could perhaps procure some of prior dates by applying to coin dealers or specie brokers.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Frank J. Otis, Esq
New Orleans
La

Feby 14 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

If you will send me by mail one or two ounces of the ore you mention, we can probably tell you what it is without an assay. If we think it worthy of assaying the charge will be $5. which you should send in advance. If no assay is made the money will be returned.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. John B. Young
Beaver
Pa

Feby 14 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

The sum called for in the Memorandum sent you was correct, and the full amount $149 55/100 was put into the bag on the cashiers counter and delivered to the Express Company. If there was any shortage when the package reached you, it occurred after it left the Mill.

Very Respectfully

Jas Reed
Supt

Mr. H. P. Williams
Sweet Water
Tenn

Feby 14 9

Sir.

I have this day forwarded to the Supt of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the following dies, in full of the balance due on your requisition of 25 October 1878,

15 Double Eagle, Obverse.

15 Standard Silver dollar, Obverse.

The box also contains 2 extra Double Eagle, Obverse, to replace 2 returned because not dated.

Express receipt enclosed

Very Respectfully

Jno. A. Bunch
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington, D.C.

Feby 14 9

Sir.

I herewith transmit two Express receipts, one for a box of vouchers, and one for a bundle of books, both for your office.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Blair

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby. 15th 9

Gentlemen

I inclose Check No. 770 to your order for Seventeen thousand (17,000) Silver Dollars for safe Silver Bullion sold the Co of Director of the Mint @ 1.29 per oz. fine.

Very respectfully

Jno. Nesch
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Lowe
Cor of Bank of New York
New York

Feby 15th 9.

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York Check No. 770 to your order for $17,000 in payment for 6/c. Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pezoldt
Supt

Messrs. Hardy & Cromie
24 Nassau St.
New York

Feby 15th

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 7170 favor Handy & Crowe for $17.000 in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Feby 15 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys foreign silver coins, and abraded coins of the U. S. as bullion, by weight, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, is received.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Preston

Supt.

Mr.

J. G. Rhea Esq.
Griffin, Ga.

Feby 15 9

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending Feby 15. 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pearson

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

February 15th 9

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at close of business this day is $202.66.58 Standard Ounces with an additional amount of say 19,000.00 Gross ounces unassayed

Very Respectfully

J. W. Park
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 15 9

Dear Sir

The half dollar, herewith returned, is genuine, but not well struck; the dies having been nearly worn out. There is also a flaw or defect which prevents the ring; & the weight is 2½ pro. light. Altogether a shabby piece.

Yours resp'y

Jas Pollock

Supt.

W E Veitch Esq
Cashier
Jacksonville, Ill.

Feby 15 9

Sir

Whilst it might be desirable to place the cameo of Ex President Grant in the Mint Cabinet, mentioned in your letter of the 12th inst, and the price asked very reasonable, yet, as I informed you a few days ago, it is not in my power to purchase it for that purpose, we having no appropriation of funds applicable to the purpose.

I would advise you to correspond with the Director of the Mint at Washington, who controls the funds appropriated for the purchase of coins, medals &c. for the Cabinet here and at Washington. The cameo is a beautiful work of art, and should be in the Cabinet here or at Washington,

What do you wish done with the small stone, with the name of the Lieut engraved upon it, enclosed in your letter?

The note from Mr John Sartain, enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jno Rusch
Capt USN

Capt.
Samuel W. Dewey,
Phila

Feby 15 9

Sir.

As requested by you when here, I forward to you to day by mail, two silver assay medals, one for Mrs. Linderman, the other at your disposal. The cost of the medals and boxes, $2.75. you can remit to me, and I will pay the bonus.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 17 9

Madam.

Your note of the 13th inst, has been received.

Old coins bring more than their intrinsic value among coin collectors and dealers, according to their character, rarity and condition, to whom you should apply for more particular information.

We are not willing to purchase the coins you mention as our cabinet is supplied.

Very Respectfully

Geo. Heath

Curator

Mrs.
S. W. Curtis.
Stafford
Ct

46 3/4

Feby 17 9

Sir.

Yours of the 14th inst has been received.

A few only of the so called "gold" dollars were struck by order of the committee on coinage, and sent to Washington for their use. None are for sale or distribution at the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jno Olsen
Supt

D. H. Armstrong Esq
Dem Gov
N. Y.

Feby 17 9

Gentlemen,

Your note of the 13th inst has been received.

Our collection of coins is supplied with the half dollar of 1823, and therefore we do not wish to purchase your half dollar.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Powell
Treas

Harmony Butler Co
Harmony
Pa

Feby 1st 7

Sir.

The amount of reserved Assay Coins in my hands from the Mint at San Francisco & Carson City respectively, for the Calendar year 1878, as reported to me by Mr. Frank Ecksfeldt, Secretary of the Assay Commission is as follows, viz:

San Francisco.

Gold		$36.302.50
Silver. 2088 Trade Dollar pieces	2088.	
Subsidiary Coin	2050	
Standard Dollars	2087.	
Total		$6995.00

By converting the Trade Dollars into Standard Dollars, 2088 pieces would be $2125.96 which would make the total

total Value of the Silver	$7.033.46
add Gold	36.302.50
San Francisco Total	$43.335.96

Carson City

Gold	$370.
Silver. 50 Trade Dollars pieces	$50.
Subsidiary Coin	150.
Standard Dollars	1.113
Total	1.313.

By converting the 50 Trade Dollars into Standard Dollars, the Silver valuation is $50.91, which would make the total Value of the Silver $1.312.91

Add Gold	370.
Carson City Total	$1.682.91

Desiring

Desiring to be relieved of the personal responsibility of these coins, I respectfully request that you will direct their transfer to the Bullion Fund of this Mint, or to the Treasury or otherwise as soon as may be practicable. If carried to my Bullion Fund please direct, if proper, that separate Transfer Orders be drawn for Gold & Silver belonging to each Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Act. Director Mint
Washington

Feb 17 9

Sir

I return the gr. dollar, which is good, but does not ring, owing to a slight flaw. It is also too much hacked to allow of its further circulation.

Yours respy

Jas Pugh

Jas D.

S. W. Johnston Esq.
Mifflintown
Pa

Feby 17 9

Messrs Jacob Milkslow & Co.

We have no knowledge of a box of ore from you.

If you send another sample, a few ounces will be enough, in a letter by mail; also five dollars to pay expenses of assay.

Yours respy

Jas. Russell
Supt.

Lovettsville
Loudoun Co
Va

Feby 17 9

Sir.

The specimen of ore, enclosed in your letter of the recent date, proves, upon examination, to be only dust of iron and sulphur, of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Gauch
Supt

Mr Lewis Holland
Port Clinton
Pa

Feby 17th

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Fifty Five thousand (55,000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and paid out.

Very Respectfully
Jas Speed
Supt

Hon Jas. Guthrie
Sec Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17th 9

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 770 to your order for Twenty two Thousand (22,000) Stg. Silver Dollars in payt. for 9/10 Silver Bullion sold Actg. Director of the Mint $1.2278 per oz. fine

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Chief

Messrs Handy & Cumin
Care of
Bank of New York

Feby 1st 7

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 7171 to the order Handy & Prince for $22,000 in Gold for Silver & Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ryod
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Feby 17th 9

Gentlemen

I transmit this day to the Bank of New York Check No 1791 to your order for $22,000 in Sight for Sterling Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jno Bank
Supt

Messrs Hardy & Co
24 Nassau St.
New York

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[signature]

Feby 1st

Sir,

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 15th at $10,591,093.47 subdivided approximately as follows, viz

Gold Coin	$1,559,966.00
" Bullion	929,696.62
Silver Coin	2,198,213.85
" Bullion	5,903,317.00
Total as above	$10,591,093.47

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

W. E. Dunbar Esq

Dep Comptroller Treasury

Washington

DC

Feby 17 9

Sir.

The six packages Nos 1 to 88, inclusive, gold bullion, by registered mail, on Government account, specified in your letter and schedule of the 12th inst, have been received to day.

Very Respectfully
John Perry
Supt

W. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Mint of the U. S.
Denver
Col

Feby 18 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 13th inst. has been received to-day.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a mexican dollar is worth about 85½ cents, exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.
Armstrong & Harp.
Kansas City
Mo.

Feby 18 9

Sir

In reply to your note of the 17th inst, I have to say that we have no use for tin in the Mint, and therefore do not wish to purchase.

Yours Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
John Crow.
Hollidaysburg
Pa

Feby 18 9

Sir:

Calling your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter received this morning from the First Auditor of the Treasury, I have to state that the advertising referred to, was in pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint, in a letter from him, received here on the 20th of September 1878, specifying Section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, for my guidance, but making no allusion to Section 3828, now first called to my attention by the Auditor.

In this emergency I have to request that you will procure the proper authority from the Secretary of the

Treasury of the proper date, and have it filed with my bills for advertising now in the Finish Auditors hands.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18 9

Sir

I herewith transmit B/E No. 1995 for $18.35 the Bullion value of $14.19 in foreign and mutilated silver pieces, specified in your letter (C.W.H.) of Feby 10. inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pecock
Supt

Hon. James Gilfillan,
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
DC

Feby 18 9

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst, has been received.

The Express Agent having your deposit in charge informs me that he sent you the proceeds $21,89 gold, by Express, on the 11th of December 1878, The package was sent to you at Lanzy Marsh, N.B, the only address you gave.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr
E. J. Worley.
Lanzy Marsh
N.B.

Feby 18th

Gentlemen,

I enclose Check No. 7172 to your order for Fourteen thousand (14,000) Stg. Silver Dollars payment for Mex. Silver Bullion sold the Act. Director of the Mint @ 1,0277½ per Oz. fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Cowell
Supt.

Messrs. Handy & Cromie
Care of
Bank of New York

Feby 18th 9

Gentlemen

Inclose this day to the Bank of New York Check No 7092 to your order for $17,000 in payment for Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully

Jas Pagel

Supt

Messrs Henry & Cromise
24 Nassau St.
New York

Feby 18th

Sir

I draw this day a check
Notice to the order of Handy
& Comiste for $17,000. in payt for
Silver Bullion

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellis
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst Treas. U.S.
New York.

Feby 18th 7

Sir

I have in my hands 2138 Trade Dollar pieces, assay Coins from the Mint U.S. at San Francisco & Carson respectively, and 220 pieces being proof Coins of Philada Coinage, which I desire may be transferred to the Bullion Off. for conversion into Standard Dollar Ingots. Will you please issue the order, if proper.

Very Respectfully
Jos Casey
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Act Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 18 9

Sir.

As the law requires all dies to be defaced and destroyed at the close of each calendar year, and as I have still in my possession the "Barber" dollar die, the "Goloid" dollar die, and the "Goloid" double eagle die, dated 1878, which were not destroyed, fearing additional samples might be called for I now write to ask if they shall be defaced and destroyed without further delay in accordance with the law and regulations on the subject.

Very Respectfully

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint.

Supt

Feby 19 9

Sir.

I herewith forward Statement of Silver Purchased at this Mint from Feby 10th to Feby 15th 1879.

Also Silver Parted from Gold.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pecoul

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 19 9

Sir.

In compliance with your letter of the 10th inst, I herewith enclose three certificates of deposit, in duplicate, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U S, at Philadelphia to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for the amounts and on the accounts specified in your letter, viz. No. 4911- $160.75

" 4912- 6.39

" 4910- 81.47

I also enclose $35.10 in currency as directed, and shall forward this letter to you by registered mail, as per your instructions.

I also enclose Memorandum No.

1548 Nov 23d, for $232.74 the amount of your deposit, now remitted as above stated.

You will please send me a special acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter and its enclosures, as my official voucher.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Ferguson
Supt

B. J. Bowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

Feby 19 9

Sir:

By order of the Acting Director of the Mint, you will please strike for the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. five (5) copies in bronze, of the last annual assay medal, without cases, and deliver the same to me for transmission.

I am directed to furnish them without charge.

Yours Respectfully
Jno. Bond
Chief Clk

O. C. Boshyshell, Esq
Coiner

Feby 19 9

Sir

Your requisition of the 18th inst, for bank stays, shelves and rollers for annealing furnaces for the Mint U. S. at New Orleans, has been received, and the order given to Messrs. Ord, Hess & Morgan of this city by whom it will be filled at the earliest practicable moment

Very Respectfully
Jno Pauly
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 19 9

Sir.

Your requisition of the 18th inst. for one ounce fine proof gold and twenty ounces fine proof silver for the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, has been received, and will be filled by our Assayer, as soon as may be practicable, as directed.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Powell
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Actin Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 19 9

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst, in reference to the arrangement with Wells, Fargo & Co for the rate and payment of Express charges on Gold bullion from Helena, Montana, was received this morning, and its contents communicated to Mr. Thompson, Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pugh

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 19 9

Sir.

Remittance No. 20 of gold bullion on Government A/c, specified in your letter of the 10th inst, has been received to day.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Gilmore
Supt

L. J. Cowles, Esq
Treasurer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte
N. C.

Feby 20 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 236, 17 Feby inst, for $4,501.80 the coin value of gold bullion from the Mint U. S. at Denver, on a/c of the United States.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 20 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 236 for $4,501.00 the coin value of gold bullion, packages No. 28 @ 33 specified in your letter and schedule of 12 Feby 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Jones

Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Chargo
U. S. Mint
Denver.

Col

Feby 21 9

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. and specimen of ore by mail, have been received.

The ore proves, upon examination, to be only sulphide of iron, of no value.

Very Respectfully
Jas Dwyer
Supt

Mr.
John A. Young.
Beaver.
Pa

Feby 20 9

Sir,

Your note of the 17th inst has been received.

The Mints are not dealers in old coins, and for information with regard to their value in the market you should apply to coin collectors or dealers.

I do not know the firm you inquire about.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr. H. G. Hodge.
York
Clark Co
Ills

Feby 20th 9

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I hand you herewith Check No 7173 - for Twenty thousand, two hundred and thirty six 17/100 ($20,236.17) Gold Silver Dollars, drawn to your order in payment in gold for Silver Ore received this Acting Director of the Mint @ 99.8 per fine.

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Kennedy
Supt.

Mess. Handy & Kennie
Care The Bank of Mt.
New York

Feby 20th 9

Gentlemen.

I forward you this day, our The Bank of New York — check No 71,173 for $20,236.12 Stds Silver Dolls — drawn to your order in payment in full for silver Bullion sold the Acting Director of the Mint @ $1.09.78 per oz fine.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pooch
Supt

Messrs Handy Hermie
24 Nassau St
New York

Feby 20th 9

Sir,

I draw on you this day check No 7173 - for $20.23612 Std Silver Dollars - drawn to order Mess Handy & Cromie in payment for Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Polock

Supt

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst Treas U.S.
N.Y.

Feby 20th 9.

Handy Bronnie

New York
Feby 28 9.

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Jas Boyd

Feby 20 9

Sir

As requested in your letter of the recent date, I enclose the cards of two coin dealers of this city, with whom you can communicate.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Beard

Supt

Mr.
E. J. McDonald.
McDonald
Ky

Feby 20 9

Sir

I have to day received by mail a printed copy of the contract made Feby 1. 1879, by the United States with the Adams Express Company for the transportation of moneys and securities.

Very Respectfully

Jno Hogg

Supt

R. S. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 20 9

Sir.

Your letter of the 19th inst has been received

We could receive your old silver 89 pieces only as bullion, and after melting and assay pay for the fine silver they contain in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. This would result in a loss to you of about 20 per cent. No deposit less than $100 received. Express charges are paid by the depositor.

By communicating with the P. M. General, he may be able to relieve you of them without loss. Very Respty

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr. Wm H. Lehmer P.M.
Kingston, Pa.

Feby 20 9

Sir

The 18 packages gold Bullion Nos 04 & 05 inclusive, on a/c U.S. specie in your letter and schedule of the 15th inst. were received to day.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Ewell

Supt

Mr. Silver, by
Messenger in charge
Mint U.S.
Denver
Col

Feby 21 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 18th inst, I send you to day by the Adams Express Co. five (5) copies, in bronze, of the Annual Assay medal, for the Smithsonian Institution.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 21 9

Sir

I to day return to you by the Adams Express box a collar, from your Mint for dies for coins of the smaller denominations, as you may perhaps need it, and we have no use for it here.

Very Respectfully
Jas Guy
Supt

Hon. H. S. Foote
Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans
La

Feby 21 9

Sir.

The coin of which you enclose an impression proves to be a Half Louis-d'or of Louis X V. of France, and worth about $2 36, It is very scarce, and would probably bring considerably more than its "intrinsic value among coin dealers or collectors.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt

Mr.
Fred Johnston.
Campbellstown
Pa

Feby 21 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 248 $1138.32 the coin value of gold bullion on a/c of the United States, remittance No. 20. specified in your letter of the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. P. Boyd
Supt

A. J. Bowles
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Sheridan
No. 6

Feby 21 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 248 $1,138.99 the coin value of gold bullion on a/c of the United States from the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte N.C.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 9

Sir:

I herewith forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending Feby 22. 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

February 21st 9

Sir:

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 6,017,171.90 Standard Ounces

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pearce

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington

R.E.

Feby 21 9

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of the Melter and Refiners Bullion Operations and Gold and Silver Mettings, for the month of January 1879. with letter from that Officer accompanying the same.

Very Respectfully
Jno Quincy
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 21 9

Sir.

Your inquiry of the 18th inst. was duly received.

I believe the name of the gentleman who was nominated for Director of the Mint, vice Snideman deceased, is E. B. Burchard, Member of Congress from Illinois. His nomination has not yet been acted on by the Senate. By watching the Congressional proceedings in the daily papers, you will know when he is confirmed.

Very Respectfully

Geo. Bancroft

Supt

Wm Paillon, Esq
Boston Mass

Feby 24 9

Sir.

In reply to your inquiry of the 21st inst, I have the honor to report that John Kurtz, Laborer, @ $2.75 per diem, was appointed Feby 3. 1878, at the request of Dr. Lindeman, but he never reported for duty and his name, therefore, never appeared on the pay rolls.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 24 9.

Sir.

Your letter of the 17th inst, has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars only, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a mexican dollar is worth about 85½ cents, exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100. received.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Mr. J. W. Smith, Esq.
Minneapolis, Kan.

Feby 24 9

Gentlemen.

Your postal card of the 19 ult. inst, has been received

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cts exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100 received.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Elder
Supt

Stewart & Parker
Coatopa Ala.

Feby 24 9

Sir.

Your note of the 20th inst. has been received.

The Mint never coined any gold dollars of an octagon shape.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Olcott

Jr. Mint

Mr.
J. G. Waltman, Esq.
Kendallville
Ind.

at Philadelphia Feby 21st 79

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Feby 24th 9

Sir:

I report the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 21st inst. at $10,500,403.38 subdivided approximately as follows viz=

Gold Coin	1,514,025.21
" Bullion	927,324.65
Silver Coin	2,406,768.31
" Bullion	5,651,785.21
Total as above	$10,500,403.38

Very Respectfully

J. R. Leech

Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 24 9

Sir,

At the earnest solicitation of the Coiners, whose formal nomination I herewith enclose, I have appointed Miss Lorenza Schmitz as an Adjuster in the Coiners Department of this Mint, at $1,75 per diem, vice Miss Christiana Schmitz, deceased; and submit the same for your approval. This appointment to take effect on Monday, March 3. 1879

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Feby 24 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 256, for $18,904 67 the coin value of packages gold bullion No 34 & 51 inclusive, on. 9/0 U. S. specified in your letter and schedule of the 15th inst

Very Respectfully
Jno. Preuss
Supt

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in charge
Mint U. S.
Denver
bcl

Feby 24 9

Sir:

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 256, Feby 20, for $18,904.67 the coin value of gold bullion from the Mint U.S. at Denver, on a/c United States.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 20 9

Sir

Your letter of the 21st inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars, and worn or mutilated U. S. silver coins, by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 80¼ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. W. T. Saxon.
Arlington, Ga.

Feby 25 9

Sir:

I herewith return your invoice of January 18. 1879 of stationery for this Mint, duly receipted, except as to the six cakes of India Ink which have not come to hand. The delay in returning the Invoice has been caused by the non arrival of the India Ink, and it seemed to be advisable not to wait any longer.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. John Sherman
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
DC

Feby 25 9

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican and Trade dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, and a Trade dollar 56¾ c. exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt

Thos. Boonemiller, P.M.
Dans. Ills

Feby 25 9

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

Your best and easiest mode to procure pure silver is to send silver bullion to the Mint, with directions to be paid for it in fine bars, which we make small or large, as desired. Silver bullion would include Mexican or Trade dollars, and foreign, and old U. S. or mutilated coins.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wyman

Supt

Dr. J. B. Walch.
Vineland
N. J.

Feby 25 9

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 24th inst, received this morning, the Pattern Dies, enumerated in the following list, were this day destroyed by the use of the forge and sledge in the presence of parties representing the Superintendent, Assayer and Coiner of this Mint, viz.

Two (2) Obverse Barber Dollar of 1878
Three (3) Reverse " " " "
One (1) Obverse Goloia " " "
One (1) Reverse " " " " Letters - circle of stars.
One (1) Reverse " " " " Wreath - wreath.

One (1) Reverse Gold Metric Dollar of 1878.

One (1) Obverse Metric Double Eagle of 1879.

One (1) Reverse " " " " 1879.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bauch

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 25 9

Sir.

The 19 packages No. 52 to 70 inclusive, gold bullion from your Mint on ye United States, specified in your letter and schedule of the 20th inst, were received to day.

Very Respectfully

Jno Rowe

Supt

H Silver, Esq
Assayer in charge
Mint U. S.
Denver.
Col

Feby 26 9

Sir.

As requested in your letter of the 20th inst, I herewith transmit three samples of each size of pins supplied to this Mint by Mr. E. D. Lockwood, in January last.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Wood

Supt

Hon.
R. M. Reynolds,
First Auditor
Washington,
D.C.

Feby 26 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Statement of Silver Purchased at this Mint from Feby 17th to Feby 22d 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Rowe
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 26 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight, as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight, which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

J. H. Morgan & Bro.
Greenville
S. C.

Feby 26 79

Sir.

Referring to your letter of 19 December 1878, and its enclosed "Regulations," I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 183, Feby 6. 1879, for $3343.46, the net coin value, less express charges, of gold bullion on of United States, forwarded to this Mint by Express, from the U. S. Assay Office, at Helena, Montana, 25 January, 1879.

The delay in making this report was caused, as you and aware, by a dispute between the Express Companies, with regard to the charges for transportation.

Very Respectfully

Jno Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint

Feby 26 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 183, for $8493.76 the net coin value, less express charges, of the three bars gold bullion, on account of the United States, specified in your letter of 26 January last.

The delay in making this report was caused by a difference of opinion with the Adams Express Co. with regard to the rates of transportation.

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Tilney
Supt

R. B. Harrison, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Helena. Mon.

Feby. 26th 9

Sir

Your letter of the 21st is at hand in which you refer to the confirmation of Mr. A. L. Snowden as Superintendent of the Mint, and giving directions as to the transfer of the Coin & Bullion on hand at the time of transfer.

The practice has been in the past not to consider the Bullion in the operative officers hands as in any way connected with the change of (Treasurer or) Superintendent, and it is understood that those officers continue to

hold this Bullion, to be receipted for by the new Superintendent in the regular routine of business.

If therefore the department sees no objection to this course being adopted in the present prospective transfer, as it will obviate the necessity for the use of receipts for Bullion please notify me by return mail.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Rowell
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acg Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 27 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst, has been received.

Trade Dollars are not a legal tender. The Mint only receives them by weight as bullion, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce, for the fine silver they contain, which makes their average value about 85 3/4 cents each, in standard silver dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pearce
Supt

Geo H. Robinette, Esq
Wilmington
Del

Feby 27 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been received.

The Mint supplies depositors of silver bullion with commercial bars about 999½ fine, but does not prepare or furnish chemically pure ainces, such as are described in your letter

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Hussey, Howard & Co.
Pittsburg
Pa

Feby. 27 9

Sir.

The bag of pennies $30, referred to in your letter of the 25th inst, were for the Phoenix National Bank, Medina, Ohio, and forwarded to you by direction of their Cashier, R. M. McDowell, Esq.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Fairlamb

Jos.

Joseph Colwell, Esq, Cas.
Com'l Nat. Bank
Cleveland
Ohio

Feby 27 9

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been received.

The returns for your gold deposit were correct, according to actual melt and assay, and not superficial tests which are very uncertain and unreliable, and which do not govern our operations.

Very Respectfully
Jno Franch
Supt

Mr.
C. W. Schlitzberger.
Baltimore
Md

Feby 27th 9

Sir.

I enclose herewith Check No. 1711 to your order for One hundred and twenty four thousand nine hundred and ninety nine 91 (124.999.91) Dol. Silver Coin the balance standing to my credit in the hands of the Asst. Treas. U.S. New York, deposited by me with him for the payment of purchases of Silver Coin. I am authorized to pursue this course by the Act. Director of the Mint from date of Feby 26th inst, and to request "that a transfer be made of "the amount from your (my) Business

"Send to the Treasury."

Very Respectfully

J. Jos. Powell

Supt.

Hon. Jas. Pilfillan

Treasury

Washington

D.C.

Feby 27th 9

Sir

I have drawn this day Check No. 7124 to the order of the Treasurer U.S. for $124.999.71 One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred & Ninety Nine Dollars, being the balance in your Hands to my credit for payment of Silver Bullion Purchases.

I am instructed to pursue this course by the Actg. Director of the Mint under date of the 26th inst.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. Thos Hillhouse

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York

Feby 27th 9

Sir.

According to your instructions of the 26th inst. I have this day transmitted to the Treasurer of Washington (D.C.) my Check (No 7744) to his order for ($124.999.92) the balance of funds to my credit in the hands of the Asst Treasurer of New York, for the purchase of Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Act Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 9

Gentlemen

Yours of the 26th inst has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver the contain, in standard silver dollars, at the rate of 109 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85½ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

J. V. Boyd

Supt

Messrs.
Mathes & Febuary
Jonesboro
Tenn.

Feby 28 9

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending Feby 28. 1879.

Very Respectfully

Jno. P. Smith
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 28 97

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 279, for $19,828.51 the coin value of packages No. 52 @ 70 inclusive, Gold Bullion on a/c U. S. specified in your letter and schedule of the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pusch
Supt

H. Silver, Esq
Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S.
Denver
Col

Feby 28 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Memorandum No. 279, Feby 25, for $19,828.50 the coin value of Gold Bullion from the U. S. Mint at Denver, on account of the United States.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Bush
Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

Feby 28 9

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 27th inst, I have the honor to state that Mr. E. D. Lockwood supplied this Mint January 31, 1879, five (5) pounds Lill's small bank pins, (like the enclosed sample) in 1/4 lb boxes.

The pins of other sizes that we have on hand came from the Division of Stationery, Treasury Department

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pearce

Supt

Hon.
R. M. Reynolds.
First Auditor
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

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Jas Powell

Feby 28th 9

Sir;

I report the "Bullion Fund" at the close of business this day at $10.366.118.56 subdivided approximately as follows viz;

Gold Coin	$1.544.910.52
" Bullion	957.257.24
Silver Coin	2.507.918.86
" Bullion	5.356.031.94
Total as above	10.366.118.56

Very Respectfully

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Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 28 9

Sir.

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the moneys in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$1,541,765.45
Silver.	2510,095.08
Refining & Parting a/c.	429.76
Ordinary a/c Regular.	5,573.45
Minor Coinage a/c	58,033.58
" Coins Exchanged.	5,456.67
" " Reissued	10,275.00
" Coinage Redemption.	221,800.63
Total.	$4,353,429.57

which corresponds with his book

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Respy Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 9

My Dear Sir

Your inquiry of the 27th inst, with regard to the probable cost of getting up a medal of Prof Henry, like that of Agassiz, was received this morning, and referred to the Engraver of the Mint, Wm Barber, Esq, whose reply I herewith transmit for your information. Any further inquiries you may have to make, can be addressed direct to Mr Barber.

You will note Mr Barber's assurance that he is, as I know, in sympathy with the subject, and if the price he has named should be regarded as beyond the limits of the proposed

subscription, he will cheerfully endeavor to make whatever reduction may be practicable.

Yours Very Truly

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Prof. J. E. Hilgard,
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington
D.C.

March 1st 9

Sir

The standard silver dollars referred to in your postal card inquiry of the 25th inst. were forwarded to you by the Adams Express Co, on the 27th inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

S. P. Griffith, Esq
Bowling Green
Mo

March 1 9

Dr Sir

We received a large box of minerals from Seneca, Mo., but without any letter, or name. The stone is speckled with iron pyrites, and is not likely to contain gold or silver; but if you wish it tried, please send $5.00 to pay the cost.

Yours &c

Geo. Dorr
Supt

Mr T. H. Reeves
Seneca
Missouri

March 1st 9

Sir

I herewith forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending March 1. 1879.

Very Respectfully
Jos. Pugh
Supt.

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
DC

March 1st 9

Sir.

The blank reports for Coiners Gold and Silver Workings, ordered some time since, have not yet come to hand. You would oblige him by having a supply forwarded as soon as practicable, as he is entirely out.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 1st 9

Sir,

I herewith transmit Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, for month of Feby 1879. Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury Statement of Minor Coinage Operations, for the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jos Pugh
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1st 9

Sir:

As directed in your letter of the 28th inst, I have required the counters in the cent redemption department to refund the amount of shortage on minor coins, 37 cents, claimed by the Asst Treasurer, U. S. in this City; and the same will be paid to that office this afternoon.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 1st 9

Sir

I herewith transmit Synopsis of Engineers Log of this Mint for month ending ~~March~~ Feby 28, 1879.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pugh

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq

Acting Director Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 10 9

Sir;

The approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 5,723,111.47 Standard Ounces.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 3 9

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 27th inst. has been received.

The Mint buys Mexican dollars by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, pays for the fine silver they contain, in standard silver dollars at the rate of 100 cents per ounce fine. At this rate a Mexican dollar is worth about 85¼ cents, exclusive of freight which is paid by the depositor. No deposit of less value than $100, received.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Pierce

Supt.

A. White & Co
Kansas City
Mo

March 3 9

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ultimo, was received

The Mint does not make returns for silver bullion purchased, whether in Mexican dollars or otherwise, by exchange on New York, or post office money order, but only in standard silver dollars, delivered to the depositor or his agent, at the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pavel
Supt

Mr. J. G. Jones.
Baldwyn,
Miss

at Philadelphia Mar 3d 79

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J. P. Pollock

March 3rd 9

Sir

I have this day transferred to Hon. A. Loudon Snowden, Superintendent, all the moneys and property in my Pos. Ex. & Sec. belonging to the Mint, and enclose herewith a duplicate receipt for the same

Very respectfully
Jas. Pollock
late Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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March 3 9

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I entered upon my duties as Superintendent of the Mint this P.M. and find that the late Superintendent being required to deposit with the Asst Treasurer to the credit of the proper appropriations the funds for ordinary expenses in his possession. I have no funds at my disposal for the payment of the current expenses of the Mint. I enclose herewith my requisition for funds to meet expenses for the present month, which I will thank you to have made "special".

Very

Very Respectfully
A. Landenberger
Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar. 3d 9

Received from James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint U.S. at Philadelphia, the sum of Four million three hundred and Sixty nine thousand, one hundred and Twenty Six & 99 Dollars, as follows.

In Gold Coin,	1.542.262.02
" Silver Coin,	2.531.838.25
" Minor Coin & Notes,	295.026.74
Total as above	4.369.126.99

Duplicate

the same being the balance remaining in his hands at the close of business this day, and standing to the credit of the following named accounts, ie.

(over)

Gold Coinage &c.	$1.539.479.81
Silver Coinage &c.	2.531.081.27
Minor Coinage &c.	58.033.58
Exchange &c.	5.456.67
Coins Due &c.	10.275.
Redemption Funds	221.800.63
Total	$4.369.126.99

Received also the Sum of Eight thousand and ten Dollars ——— being the amount of Funds on hand for return to depositors, in Minor Coins.

Received also the keys of the various vaults occupied by the Superintendent; the Ledgers, Journals

(over)

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Check Books, Blotters, Registers, Books of Deposits, and all the property of the United States under the Charge of the Superintendent.

A. Bowen Crowder
Superintendent
U. S. Mint.

For other receipts see pages 160 - 161 - 174

March 3. 9

Received of James Pollock Superintendent U.S. Mint, Three hundred and Seventy two and 28/100 Dollars ($372.28) as the balance of the Medal Fund on the first day of March 1879.

The balance is made up as follows,

Cash	$322.21
7 Silver proof sets @ $1.94	13.58
161 Nickel " " @ 9	14.49
22 Proof Dollars	22.00
	$372 28

Lewis Pendleton
Superintendent

March 4 /9

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by to days mail of the package of blank forms for the Miners Gold and Silver Workings, specified in your letter of the 8 inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Humble
Svt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Vol. 4 Gordon Snowden
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Mint Office

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request of the 3rd inst. I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint.

Very Truly Yours
Reuben Maulsby
Chief Clerk

Mr. Hollins, Esq.
Chief Clerk Treasury Department
State of Jamaica,
New York

Transfd to Letter Book No. 1. A London Correspondence

March 4, 9

Dear Sir,

The testimonials in behalf of Miss Fanny Wood, enclosed in your letter of Feb. 27, were duly received.

There are no vacancies in the Mint at the present time, but Miss Wood's recommendations will be placed on file.

Very Respectfully
R. Maclachlan
Supt

N. F. Colby, Esq
Philadelphia

Transd to Letter Book No 1.
A. Louis Brown Esq
Dept

Oct 4. 9

Sir,

Your letter of the 2d inst
has been received,

If you will call at the
office, Monday, Wednesday,
or 10 o'clock in the forenoon
you can have the desired
interview with me.

Your Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr. John W. Marshall
Nos. 505 & 507 Chestnut St
Philadelphia

Transfd to Letter Book
No 1. A London Founders
Supt

Mch 4 9

My dear Duey

I have with the
- Turn the letter of Mr. Chas.
B. Norris, to Gov. of Feb 18
dispatch with a copy thereof,
from Mr. John McMaster
of this city, which you can
forward to your friend for
his information.

Very truly Yours

Supt

Lieut. Col. Duey,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Transcribed to Letter Book No 1,
Pp Louden Snowden
Supt.

March 5th 9

Sir:

I hand you herewith my accounts of Refining Expenses for the Month of February 58 March 1, 1859 – closing my term of office as Superintendent of this Mint; and have deposited the gross proceeds balance thereof in the U. S. Treasury; per C/D No 4926 – dated March 1st 1859 – which you will find accompanying the vouchers

Very Respectfully

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Late Supt

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 7th 9

Sir;

I hand you herewith my accounts of Ordinary Expenses for the month of Feby and March 1, 1879 - closing my term of Office as Supt of this Mint. and have deposited the unexpended balance thereof in the U.S. Treasury as per C.A. No 4928, accompanying the vouchers.

Very Respectfully,

Jno. Pollock

Late Supt

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U.S. at
Phila March 7 1879

March 2d 1879

excepting as to amount of balance Feby 1. 1879 — our records showing $906.53 — while your statement gives $389.626.21 — The disagreement being caused by non-presentation of checks drawn on your Jany 30 and 31 — until after settlement of Jany 31. 1879 — also notice difference of date of credit $500.000 — on No 5396 & 97, 1908 — your statement showing the entry as of 31st while our records show of Feby 3d/79 as per your letter of same date.

Jno. P. Hoch
Cashier

April 15th 9

Sir.

I forward this day per Express a box containing my Bullion and Coinage P/C. for the period from January 1st to March 31st 1869 closing my term of Office, as Superintendent of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

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Late Supt. & Eng.

Hon. H. R. Purchase
Director of the Mint
Washington,
D.C.

April 30th 79

Sir.

In reply to your (C. J. P.) letter of the 23d inst, I have to inform you that the deposits of mutilated subsidiary Coin therein referred to were received directly from the Treasurer of the U.S. and received for his benefit and the net proceeds deposited with the Asst Treasurer U.S. in this City in "Currency Drafts" in accordance with instructions from that Office. These deposits, though coming to this Mint by Registered Mail, were as has been the custom, entered in the name of G. C. Thompson, Agent

of the Adams Express Co., which Co. always made the deposit for the Mint, with the asst. Treasurer here, he having daily business with that Office.

The following are the dates of the bills making the deposits by the Treasurer U.S. viz: Oct. 11th 21st, 26th 30th & Dec. 16th, 1868.

I might further state that such arrangements have been made here for the Treasurer for a number of years, and were authorized by the late Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Hon. D. McReynolds
1st Auditor
Treasy Dept.

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May 8th 79

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. (R.B.S.) enquiring by what authority of law, the expenditure covered by Voucher No 86, in my account for Ordinary Expenses for the Quarter ending March 31st 1879, for serving dinners and lunches, for Annual Assay Commission $606.21" was made, I herewith transmit a copy of a letter from R. E. Preston Esq. Actg Director of the Mint, dated May 4th 1879, authorizing the expenditure referred to.

I beg to remark, further, that dinners and lunches have been furnished in the Mint building for the Assay Commission, during their sessions, under all administrations

almost

abroad from the financial and the bills have always been approved and passed by the Examining Officer of the Navy Department, as part of the necessary and legitimate expenses of the Ships.

I am respectfully
Yours
[illegible]
Chief Engineer

Hon. R. W. Raynolds
Chief Engineer
U. S. Navy
Washington
D. C.

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Received from James Pollock, Supt. Mint U.S. at Philada, Twenty one hundred and fifty two .35 Dollars in Gold and Silver Coin reserved for Annual Assay. Also Thirty five Dollars in Gold and Silver Coins now in the hands of the Supt. U.S. Assay Office at New York for Special Test, and to be returned to this Mint, said Coins being represented in the hands of the following named Ofs. at this date, viz:

	$
Gold Coins for Assay	1276.50
Silver Coins for Assay	875.10
Special Assay Coins (Gold)	80.
Special do. (Silver)	5.
	$2.158.35

Superintendent

June 12 9

Sir,

In compliance with your requesting the 10th inst. (C. J. T.) I herewith transmit a receipt from my predecessor in Office, under date of March 3. 1879, for the "assay and specimen assay ware" turned over by me to him, amounting (in gold and silver coin) to $2152.55, and $38. respectively; and for which you will please give me the proper credit.

Very Respectfully

Late Supt U.S. Mint
at Philadelphia.

Hon R. M. Reynolds
First Auditor of the Treasury
Washington D.C.